

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

AERIAN PORTER-CRAIG,

Defendant.

Case: 2:24-cr-20558

Assigned To : Grey, Jonathan J.C.

Referral Judge: Patti, Anthony P.

Assign. Date : 10/1/2024

Description: IND USA V AERIAN PORTER-CRAIG (SS)

Violation:

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

**Indictment**

The Grand Jury charges that:

**Count One**

**Distribution of a Controlled Substance; Resulting in Death  
21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)**

On or about June 9, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, AERIAN PORTER-CRAIG, knowingly and intentionally distributed a controlled substance, that is, a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, commonly known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

It is further alleged that the death of another person, “Victim 1” and “Victim 2,” whose identities are known to the Grand Jury, resulted from the use of the

controlled substance so distributed, in violation of the enhanced penalty provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**Count Two**  
**Distribution of a Controlled Substance; Resulting in Death**  
**21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)**

On or about June 9, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, AERIAN PORTER-CRAIG, knowingly and intentionally distributed a controlled substance, that is, a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, commonly known as fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

It is further alleged that the death of another person, “Victim 3,” whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, resulted from the use of the controlled substance so distributed, in violation of the enhanced penalty provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**Forfeiture Allegations**

The allegations contained in Counts One and Two of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture under Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

Under Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, upon conviction of an offense in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States of America any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such offenses and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offenses.

As part of the forfeiture in this case, the United States intends to seek entry of a forfeiture money judgment.

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided  
without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property  
under Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

**This is a True Bill.**

/s/ Grand Jury Foreperson  
Grand Jury Foreperson

DAWN N. ISON  
United States Attorney

/s/ Benjamin Coats  
Benjamin Coats  
Chief, Drug Task Force Unit

/s/ Thomas Franzinger  
Thomas Franzinger  
Assistant United States Attorney

Dated: October 1, 2024

United States District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

**Criminal Case Cc**

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<b>Companion Case Information</b>	<b>Companion Case Number:</b>
This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) <sup>1</sup> :	<b>Judge Assigned:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>AUSA's Initials:</b>

**Case Title:** USA v. Aerian Porter-Craig

**County where offense occurred :** Wayne

**Check One:** ☒ **Felony** ☐ **Misdemeanor** ☐ **Petty**

☐ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- no prior complaint.

☒ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number: 24-mj-30385 ]

☐ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].

### Superseding Case Information

**Superseding to Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.  
☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.  
☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

**Defendant name**

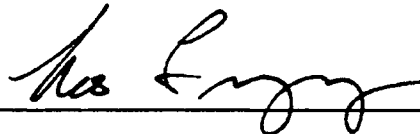
**Charges**

**Prior Complaint (if applicable)**

**Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.**

October 1, 2024

Date



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<sup>1</sup> Companion cases are matters in which it appears that (1) substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial, or (2) the same or related parties are present, and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.